

STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Executive Department State of Kansas Topeka, Kansas

By the Governor

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kansas Emergency Management Act, Chapter 48, Article 9, of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, to meet the inherent dangers of disasters to which the State and its citizens have been exposed, and upon advice of the State Adjutant General as the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, I hereby proclaim a State of Disaster Emergency as follows:

NATURE OF THE DISASTER:

In one of the worst and most widespread winter storms in recent Kansas history, sleet, snow and freezing rain caused power outages for more than 410,000 people, including a number of hospitals and nursing homes, wastewater and water treatment plants. State and local government offices were closed as well as schools and universities. Transportation systems statewide were disrupted. The duration and intensity of the storm prolonged recovery efforts. Debris from broken branches and fallen trees exhausted in-state utility resources, delayed power restoration and required aid from other states.

DATE THAT DISASTER AFFECTED THE AREA:

January 29th, 2002 and continuing.

AREA AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER:

The Counties of: Allen, Anderson, Barber, Bourbon, Chautauqua, Coffey, Cowley, Crawford, Douglas, Elk, Franklin, Greenwood, Johnson, Labette, Linn, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Summer, Wilson, Woodson, Wyandotte.

I hereby proclaim, direct and order the Adjutant General of the State of Kansas to activate the disaster response and recovery portions of the State Disaster Emergency Plan. Local and inter-jurisdictional disaster plans applicable to the political subdivisions of areas affected by this Proclamation shall be coordinated by the Adjutant General.

Any or all of the power conferred upon the Governor by the Kansas Emergency Management Act may be delegated to the Adjutant General as deemed appropriate during this period of proclaimed State of Disaster Emergency. This may be delegated by written orders or oral orders subsequently inscribed with reference to this Proclamation.

This Proclamation shall be filed promptly with the Division of Emergency Management, the Office of the Secretary of State and each city clerk or county clerk, as appropriate, in the area to which this Proclamation applies. Further dissemination of this Proclamation shall occur by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public.

THE GOVERNOR:

DONE at the Capitol in Topeka Under the Great Seal of the State this 31st day of January, A.D., 2002

Secretary of State

Assistant Secretary of State

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THE WHITE HOUSE

February 6, 2002

The Honorable Bill Graves Governor of Kansas State Capitol, 2nd Floor Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590

Dear Governor Graves:

As requested, I have declared a major disester under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5206 (the Stafford Act), for the State of Kansas due to damage resulting from a severe winter ice storm on January 29, 2002, and continuing. I have authorized Federal relief and recovery assistance in the affected area.

Individual Assistance, Public Assistance, including direct Federal assistance, and Hazard Mitigation will be provided. Consistent with the requirement that Federal assistance be supplemental, any Federal funds provided under the Stafford Act for Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation will be limited to 75 percent of the total eligible costs in the designated areas.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will coordinate Federal assistance efforts and designate specific areas eligible for such assistance. The Federal Coordinating Officer will be Mr. Carlos Mitchell of FEMA. He will consult with you and assist in the execution of the FEMA-State Agreement for disaster assistance governing the expenditure of Federal funds.

Sincerely,

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